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## *In Vision*

### **Environment and Conservation employees:**

It was my pleasure to be part of the first-ever Governor's Volunteer Stars Award presentation event on October 27 in Nashville. Sixty-five adult and youth honorees from 36 counties were recognized for outstanding volunteer and community service contributions in the areas of education, environment, public safety and human development. This new program sponsored by Volunteer Tennessee reflects the priority emphasis we place on meaningful volunteerism and partnerships here at Environment and Conservation.

Since coming to the department five years ago, we have nearly tripled the number of volunteer or "Friends" groups at our state parks. We have gone from twelve to now thirty-three active Friends of State Parks groups that contribute more than 100,000 hours and many thousands of dollars to park improvement projects every year. Our Friends and supportive communities enable us to stretch state park resources in order to enhance recreation and outdoor opportunities across Tennessee.

While our Friends groups have grown tremendously over the past five years, today volunteers are even more vital than ever. The power of volunteering goes way beyond State Parks. It stretches to watershed groups that organize stream cleanups along our waterways. It encompasses families that participate in recycling and litter pickup patrols. It includes gifts to local charities. In these challenging times, there are a host of important needs across Tennessee communities that are being met by volunteers.

And I know that Environment and Conservation employees serve in a host of volunteer capacities in their communities. Beyond your work responsibilities, many of you are actively involved from school to church to civic clubs. Your own volunteer achievements make Tennessee a cleaner, healthier and better place for all of us to live. I appreciate your hard work and generosity in every capacity.



*Carl Wolfe of Johnson County receives 2008 Governor's Volunteer Star Award from Commissioner Jim Fyke in Nashville. Mr. Wolfe is directly responsible for removing tons of trash from streams and roads in Johnson County.*

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### Governor's Land and Water Forum IV meets at Cumberland Mountain

Since 2005, the Governor's Land and Water Forum has assembled private nonprofit conservation organizations, government agencies and involved citizens for a discussion of significant land and water conservation issues in Tennessee. Participants have taken advantage of these opportunities to share information and communicate directly with the governor concerning land and water conservation in Tennessee.

The department hosted the Governor's Land and Water Forum IV at Cumberland Mountain State Park on October 8 with a theme of *Celebrating Our Successes*. Commissioner Fyke was joined by representatives from the Nature Conservancy, Conservation Fund, Land Trust for Tennessee, Heritage Conservation Trust Fund and the Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation in a roundtable that highlighted major conservation transactions from the previous three years. The governor's lunchtime appearance did not disappoint, as he once again held a wide open question and answer session with attendees. While acknowledging the difficult realities in the current economic downturn, Governor Bredesen encouraged the audience to continue exploring creative partnerships and communicating the various benefits communities realize from effective conservation practices.

"In the three years since our first forum, Tennessee has moved forward on a range of conservation initiatives," said Commissioner Jim Fyke. "Governor Bredesen has continually used this venue to challenge us to think big regarding how we conserve priority open spaces for future generations in Tennessee. It has been gratifying to have so many partners working together to preserve Tennessee's natural wonders and to develop corridor connections that protect critical ecosystems and habitat."



*Governor Bredesen and Cumberland Mountain Park Manager Chip Hillis with painting of Civilian Conservation Corps bridge at Cumberland Mountain created and donated by a park patron.*



*Governor Bredesen (center) takes time from the Governor's Land and Water Forum IV to meet with staff at Cumberland Mountain State Park.*

### Heritage Conservation Trust Fund Makes a Difference

Since 2005, the Heritage Conservation Trust Fund has provided more than \$30 million for 29 projects that leveraged an additional \$90 million to protect more than 42,000 acres in Tennessee. Trust Fund partnerships and dollars are helping to conserve places like Skinner Mountain in Fentress County, Lost Cove in Franklin County and Scott's Gulf in White County.

*Located on the northern Cumberland Plateau, 1,700-foot Skinner Mountain and 4,208 acres of woodland coves, native hardwood forests, caves, mountain streams and waterfalls were protected through a Trust Fund partnership.*





## Department and Local Leaders Mark Completion of Spencer Wastewater Treatment Project

Elected officials, department staff and citizens gathered under a clear blue sky on October 22 to mark a successful end for the City of Spencer's decade-long effort to deal with treated wastewater from its sewage treatment plant. Standing beside the new bio-infiltration ponds and constructed wetlands, State Rep. Charles Curtiss of Sparta was praised for his commitment to finding an optimal solution for Spencer and residents in the Caney Fork River watershed. "Charlie remained engaged throughout the process," said Commissioner Jim Fyke. "He was dogged in his determination to identify and evaluate possibilities that met the needs of all parties concerned with this project."

Since 1999, the department has worked to find a satisfactory solution for the treatment and disposal of wastewater from the City of Spencer. The city desperately needed centralized wastewater collection and treatment. Septic tank failures resulted in raw sewage rising to the ground surface routinely throughout the city posing significant human health and environmental hazards. Originally the treated wastewater was to enter Dry Fork Creek. However, a Davidson County Chancery Court Agreed Final Judgment required Spencer to surrender the Dry Fork permit and to pursue obtaining a permit to discharge to the Caney Fork River.

In the interim, the department authorized Spencer to discharge treated wastewater into Lick Branch. This removed the immediate human health and environmental hazards posed by the septic tank failures while Spencer, the department and other interested parties worked to find an acceptable disposal alternative that would put less stress on the receiving waterway. Through efforts of many state, county and local officials, a plan was conceived that called for discharge of treated wastewater



*Patrick Parker, Water Pollution Control; Joe Sanders, General Counsel; John Noel, Tennessee Conservation Voters; Sohnia Hong, Office of the Attorney General; Ronnie Bowers, Bureau of Environment and Deputy Commissioner Paul Sloan in front of the new bio-infiltration ponds and wetlands for Spencer's wastewater treatment system.*

to the bio-infiltration ponds and a constructed wetlands completed earlier this year. With this current configuration, any discharge to the Caney Fork River would only occur due to emergency conditions.

"For almost ten years, our department has worked with the City of Spencer to find a satisfactory wastewater treatment and disposal solution for the town and its citizens," said Commissioner Fyke. "Today, we mark the completion of a multi-phase wastewater treatment project where interested parties worked together to protect human health and the environment. I want to thank everyone involved – particularly the professionals inside our department – that helped deliver this innovative environmental solution for Spencer and its neighbors."

## Stadium Recycling Initiative Celebrates 15th Year Anniversary

Good Sports Always Recycle™ (GSAR) promotes recycling of plastic cups and bottles at University of Tennessee football games and other stadium events by providing many large, labeled containers in convenient locations. Since the program was initiated in 1993, more than 80 million plastic stadium cups have been recycled. GSAR also annually recognizes and honors ten schools across Tennessee for effective recycling

programs. Environment and Conservation has assisted GSAR by participating as program evaluators since the program's inception. This year Mark Penland, Environmental Coordinator – Knoxville EFO, Jan Compton, Environmental Coordinator – Johnson City EFO, and Phil Chambers, Knoxville EFO Director served as judges by reviewing more than 80 applications and selecting the ten best schools. The final ten

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schools featured impressive initiatives like recycling cafeteria waste, composting and innovative ways to involve their communities. The 2008 GSAR awards were presented in Knoxville on October 18. The winning schools were Dogwood Elementary, Fairview Marguerite Elementary, Gibbs High School, Hillsboro High School, Huntingdon Special School District, Milan Middle School, New Hope Christian Academy, Oakmont Elementary, Poplar Grove School and University School. GSAR is the nation's largest stadium recycling program, sponsored by The University of Tennessee, Eastman Chemical Company, Knoxville Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Waste Connections and Food City.

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*(l-r) Lauren Burr; Jennifer Wiggins; Marsha Branch; Teresa Shaffer; Phil Chambers, Knoxville EFO, Jan Compton, Johnson City EFO; and Mark Penland, Knoxville EFO support Good Sports Always Recycle.*

### 2008 Empowering P2 Conference Meets at Montgomery Bell State Park

The Tennessee Pollution Prevention Partnership (TP3) and the Tennessee Pollution Prevention Roundtable hosted the fourth biennial conference promoting pollution prevention (P2) and environmental stewardship on September 18-19 at Montgomery Bell State Park. This year's conference theme was *Energy – Water – Sustainability* with speakers that highlighted innovative solutions for creating a more sustainable future.

The conference opened with a review of Environment and Conservation's involvement in energy and water issues across the state. Public Affairs Director David Owenby then recognized TP3 Performers and Partners attending the conference while Reggie Barrino with EPA Region 4 acknowledged EPA Performance Track industries in attendance.

Tom Casten, CEO of Recycled Energy Development, delivered the keynote address with a focus on the enormous opportunities available from capturing waste energy created by current inefficient electrical generation processes. Recycling wasted energy has the revolutionary potential to generate vast amounts of low-cost power without burning fossil fuels or emitting greenhouse gases. Mary Ann Dickinson, Executive Director of the Alliance for Water Efficiency, then asked attendees to look at water conservation from a climate change perspective, considering that water supply has a high amount of embedded energy and that saving water can ultimately reduce carbon emissions.

Discussion panels on energy efficiency, TP3 Success Stories, water conservation and applied

residential sustainability gave everyone ideas for their home, school and workplace. One highlight of the TP3 Success Stories panel was a presentation by a student from the Fayette Academy Ecology Club in Somerville. She explained her club's success included the local school board adopting an energy policy and performing a lighting upgrade in the school gym. Everyone was impressed by the club's energy education outreach, especially the "Change a Light, Change the World" campaign that placed 2,700 compact fluorescent light bulbs in the community.



*Representatives of TP3 Performer organizations are recognized at the Empowering P2 Conference.*





### Department Hosts 35th Annual Natural Areas Conference

Environment and Conservation drew upon the biological diversity of Middle Tennessee to host the 35th Natural Areas Conference on October 14-17 in Nashville. The conference was a joint effort of the Natural Areas Association and the National Association of Exotic Pest Plant Councils with the theme, *A Natural Areas Revival in Music City: Tuning Into A Changing Climate and Biological Invasion*. More than 450 attendees from all 50 states and six countries came to Nashville for this important national conference.

The opening plenary session was held at the War Memorial Auditorium and free to the public. The revival theme was highlighted by gospel music delivered a capella by The McCrary Sisters. Nashville's Mayor Karl Dean welcomed everyone to a cleaner, greener Nashville, and Commissioner Fyke shared a presentation on *Conserving Tennessee's Natural Heritage*. Dr. Ed Clebsch, a retired University of Tennessee botanist and Foothills Land Conservancy volunteer, described the Natural History of Tennessee for the many participants that were in Tennessee for the first time. The conference themes were echoed by the three national speakers who finished out the afternoon plenary.

The conference had seven concurrent sessions for the two following days. Symposia, workshops, contributing papers and forums included approximately 160 presentations and 32 posters. There was one day of field trips to natural areas in Middle Tennessee with 24 field trips offered to conference attendees. State Parks staff played a major role in organizing the fieldtrips. The parks team also helped organize the two multi-day preconference field trips that included backpacking in Savage Gulf and a field trip to Mammoth Cave. The music theme played a prominent role at the conference as Cumberland Trail State Park Manager Bob Fulcher and Cedars of Lebanon Park Ranger Buddy Ingram were joined by Mike Farris and Roseland Rhythm Revue for an Americana roots music jam session at the capstone banquet.

The department's Division of Natural Areas was the principle organizing agency for this national conference with strong support from Tennessee State Parks. Brian Bowen, Division of Natural Areas Program Manager and board member for the Natural Areas Association, served as conference program chair. "We appreciate the fact that Commissioner Fyke committed resources from across the department to ensure that Tennessee hosted



(l-r): Brian Bowen, TDEC Natural Areas Program Manager and conference chair; Prof. Hal DeSelm; Prof. Elsie Quarterman, Gary Milano; Kim Herman, President of the Natural Areas Association. Dr. Elsie Quarterman, retired professor Vanderbilt University and Dr. Hal DeSelm, retired professor University of Tennessee, were recognized by the Natural Areas Association with the George B Fell lifetime achievement award.



Pyne's ground plum (*Astragalus bibullatus*) is a rare vascular plant endemic to Tennessee. Naturally limited to the limestone cedar glades of Middle Tennessee and found nowhere else, blooming Pyne's ground plum can be found in the Flat Rock Cedar Glades and Barrens State Natural Area.

one of the very best Natural Area Conferences ever," said Bowen. "We received very positive feedback and complimentary reviews from attendees. It will be hard for the 2009 NAC in Vancouver to top our experience."

### State Parks' Volunteer Friends Gather for Fifth Annual Conference

Friends groups from twenty-three Tennessee State Parks were represented during the 2008 Friends Conference held October 17-19 at Pickwick Landing State Park. This fifth annual gathering for Friends of Tennessee State Parks featured expert presentations on topics such as sales tax compliance required for 501(c)3 tax-exempt organizations, successful fundraising and new media strategies. Attendees also heard from department representatives on a variety of interesting topics such as Invasive Plants and Insects; Park Boundaries; Parks Mapping and GPS data collection and "Telling Your Park's Story."

Commissioner Fyke joined the Friends for a dinner cruise on the Pickwick Belle and shared the department's appreciation for the Friends support of their state parks and how important they are during difficult economic times. State Parks Assistant Commissioner Mike Carlton took an opportunity on Saturday morning to thank the Friends and stress the importance of these groups to our overall state parks system. Attendees had a choice of afternoon outdoor excursions that included tours of Shiloh Military Park and a hike along Pickwick Island Loop Trail. "This was one of our most successful conferences because of the hard work of our excellent hosts with Friends of Pickwick Landing State Park. They made everyone feel welcome at their park," said Nancy Schelin, State Parks Volunteer Coordinator. "It was great to hear the achievements from each Friends group at the conference. These volunteers are making so many positive and vital contributions at their park. I'm already looking forward to seeing what our Friends will get accomplished in the coming year."



*Teresa Dugger (l) and Stacey Cothron at the Friends of Henry Horton State Park booth during the Friends of State Parks Conference.*



*Parks Interpretive Specialist Rita Venable, State Parks Biologist Dr. David Hill and Harpeth River State Park Manager Jane Polansky prepare to discuss the All-Taxa Biological Inventory during the Friends of State Parks Conference.*

### State Parks and Natural Areas Celebrate Public Lands Day

Tennessee State Parks and Natural Areas celebrated National Public Lands Day on September 27 with volunteer events that included trail building and maintenance; landscape improvements; exotic plant removal and litter pickup. From promoting fitness opportunities at Montgomery Bell State Park to collecting more than 1,500 pounds of trash at Bledsoe Creek State Park, there were volunteer stewardship activities at 17 department sites. "Our rangers and staff make every effort to keep the park clean and welcoming for visitors, but I've learned it helps to have a lot of hands ready to keep our special places

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*Montgomery Bell State Park Interpretive Specialist Tim Wheatley leads Health Commissioner Susan Cooper and Commissioner Jim Fyke on Montgomery Bell's Jim Bailey Trail on Public Lands Day.*



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beautiful for all to enjoy,” said Assistant Commissioner for State Parks Mike Carlton. “We appreciate everyone who is willing to lend a hand any time they visit one of our 53 award-winning Tennessee State Parks and 79 Natural Areas.”

Environment and Conservation Commissioner Jim Fyke and Department of Health Commissioner Susan Cooper celebrated National Public Lands Day on September 27 with *Get Fit in the Park* at Montgomery Bell State Park. The commissioners were joined by Get Fit TN staff, numerous local organizations and hundreds of area residents for a day of outdoor recreation and family fun. Park Ranger Tim Wheatley led the commissioners and event participants on a one-mile walk along the Jim Bailey Trail while visitors also took advantage of no-cost canoes on the park’s two lakes. “The recreation opportunities at Tennessee State Parks make us a natural host for the Get Fit Tennessee program,” said Commissioner Fyke. “Our activities and amenities encourage visitors to get moving and take action that will help improve their health.



*Health Commissioner Susan Cooper, Ramble, Montgomery Bell State Park Manager Pat Wright and Commissioner Jim Fyke during Get Fit in the Park at Montgomery Bell State Park.*

### Tims Ford State Park Celebrates Elk River History on Heritage Day

Tims Ford State Park celebrated its 30th anniversary with a Heritage Day on September 13 that combined local community history, regional music and ranger programs for children. Park Manager Mike Robertson hopes the event will become an annual special event for the park. “This event celebrates the history of the Elk River Valley and the communities and families that were impacted by the development of the Tims Ford Reservoir,” said Robertson. Since January of this year, researchers from the public history program at Middle Tennessee State University have been conducting oral history interviews, scanning photographs and planning for the exhibit at Heritage Day. This research aims to use the information to develop an exhibit housed at Tims Ford State Park that will share the story of the Elk River Valley and the communities living along the Elk River before the Tims Ford Reservoir was built. A grant from Humanities Tennessee helped fund the Heritage Day project. “We had a terrific turn out from the community residents at the park’s Heritage Day,” said Dollie Boyd, a researcher on the project. “They brought photographs and stories. It was great to see them reunite with friends and neighbors,”

The park plans to continue working with the public history program at Middle Tennessee State University in gathering additional information on the history of the Elk River Valley communities. Tims Ford plans to have an interpretive exhibit in its visitor center that shares the story of these communities with its park visitors.

### Thompsons Defend National Rolley Hole Title at Standing Stone State Park

The 26th annual National Rolley Hole Championship was held September 13 at Standing Stone State Park in Overton County. After several close games among some of the world’s best players, the father and son team of Mitchell and Wes Thompson took home the national championship. With that win, the Thompsons captured their sixth title out of the last eight years. Marble making, a childrens’ marble festival and live bluegrass music also accompanied the national Rolley Hole tournament.

This year’s marble tournament attracted teams from six states. “It’s one time a year that these blue-collar, hard-working people are the stars of the show in the national championship of marbles,” said Shawn Hughes, park interpretive specialist and tournament coordinator. “It’s been a great tool for Standing Stone, because it’s

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*Son-father combo, Wes and Mitchell Thompson, are winners of the 2008 National Rolley Holes championship at Standing Stone State Park.*

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like nothing else in the world. We've received media exposure from the likes of ESPN, CNN, ABC Evening News, Sports Illustrated, the Smithsonian Institution, National Geographic, Southern Living Magazine and even Charles Shultz's *Peanuts* cartoon."

The game is played on a 40-by-20-foot dirt marble yard that has three marble-size holes in the center spaced nine feet apart. Playing with a partner, the idea is for players to make the hole or "hole out" 12 times. The strategy comes by figuring out the best way to keep opponents from making the

hole, which often requires skillful shots against their marbles, sending them ricocheting across the yard much like sending an opponent's ball away from the wicket in the game of croquet. "It's a game that combines golf, pool and the strategy of chess, but dead aim is needed," Hughes said. "Some of these guys can hit a marble 15 feet away nine out of 10 times."

Standing Stone is the only state park with a marble yard, mainly because the best players in the U.S. hail from nearby Celina and Monroe County, KY. The rolley hole yard is covered by a roof and is open on

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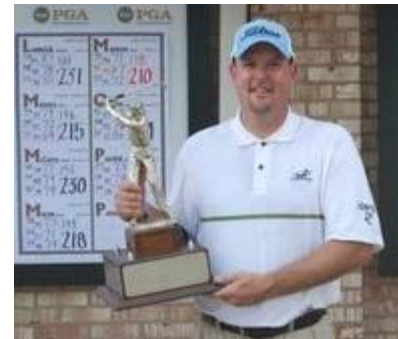
four sides. Players range in age from 14 to 65. "It's just fun. You've got to have a strong thumb," said Hughes. "With rolley hole you've got to be smart. It's a game of strategy."

The park, seven miles south of Celina and seven miles north of Livingston, offers 1,000 acres of natural beauty. "I believe it is exactly what a state park should be. We have outstanding scenery, a 69-acre lake, beautiful rustic cabins, a 36-site-campground, 10 miles of hiking trails, and a southern heritage in marbles that is sure to last for years to come" Hughes said.

## Cumberland Mountain Pro Kelvin Burgin takes third straight TPGA Section Championship; Three Tennessee Golf Trail Professionals finish in Top 5

Kelvin Burgin, Head Golf Pro from the Bear Trace at Cumberland Mountain, began his third and final round two shots back but fired a blistering three under (-3) par round of 68 to claim his third consecutive PGA Section Championship title by three strokes. Burgin's three-day total of 208 at five under par (-5) took home the first place check of \$6,500 and also earned a return spot in the 2009 Stanford St. Jude PGA Tour event in Memphis next year. "Congratulations to Kelvin for once again coming out on top in a very competitive field," said Jim Webb, Tennessee State Parks Director of

Golf. "I am particularly pleased that three of the top five finishers were head professionals from Tennessee Golf Trail courses. It's another reflection of the type of quality you will find along the Tennessee Golf Trail." Also finishing in the tourney's Top Five were Keith Burdette, Head Pro at the Bear Trace at Harrison Bay, and Mark Houser, Head Pro at Warriors' Path State Park. Both shot a three-day total 211 at two under par (-2). 60 PGA Professionals competed in the Championship which was hosted at the Old Hickory Country Club.



*Kelvin Burgin, Bear Trace at Cumberland Mountain Head Pro, holds the Championship trophy after winning his third consecutive Tennessee PGA Section title at Old Hickory Country Club.*

## Donna Washburn Retires from UST

Senior Director for Land Resources Chuck Head (r) with Donna Washburn and her brother Lewis (l) during a retirement celebration for Donna, Deputy Director for Underground Storage Tanks.



*Thank you Donna for more than 30 years of effective public service. We will miss your wisdom and leadership.*

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### Marty Silver Receives TEEA's Distinguished Service Award

Warriors' Path Interpretive Specialist Marty Silver was presented the Tennessee Environmental Education Association's Distinguished Service Award during the 2008 annual TEEA Conference in Oak Ridge. "This is the highest honor given by TEEA," said TEEA President Vera Vollbrecht. "Marty is highly deserving of this award. For more than thirty years, he has been generous and creative in sharing his knowledge, excitement and sense of wonder about the natural world with people of all ages." Marty's outstanding interpretive programs and entertaining events are part of the reason why Warriors' Path is one of the most popular state parks in Tennessee.



*Marty Silver (left) receives TEEA's 2008 Distinguished Service Award from his daughter Mary at the annual TEEA Conference in Oak Ridge.*

### Olympic Medalist Visits our Gold-Medal Winning State Parks



*Fall Creek Falls Interpretive Specialist Stuart Carroll helps 2008 Olympic swimming medalist Margaret Hoelzer show off the two silver and one bronze medals she won for the United States in Beijing. Just one week after returning from China, Margaret and her family from Huntsville, AL attended the Mountaineer Folk Festival at Fall Creek Falls State Park. Margaret, a graduate of Auburn University, has been coming to Fall Creek Falls for years as part of a Memorial Day family tradition.*

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### September Service Anniversaries

#### 5 Years

**David Baldwin**, Solid Waste Management  
**Douglas Bortner**, Paris Landing State Park  
**Martin Flowers**, Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park  
**Mark Mann**, Montgomery Bell State  
**Brenda Pye**, T.O. Fuller State Park  
**Jennifer Sisemore**, Paris Landing State Park  
**Edwin Steele**, Tims Ford State Park  
**Jodie Stinson**, Rock Island State Park

#### 10 Years

**Linda Burton**, Solid Waste Management  
**Angie Martin**, Pickwick Landing State Park  
**Angel Perkey**, Oak Ridge, Energy Oversight  
**Frederick Seeger**, Panther Creek State Park  
**John Wojtowicz**, Oak Ridge, Energy Oversight

#### 15 Years

**Revendra Awasthi**, Solid Waste Management  
**Dustin Green**, Fiscal Services  
**Tim Jennette**, Ground Water Protection  
**Jimmy Rodgers**, Pickwick Landing State Park

#### 20 Years

**Andy Binford**, Remediation  
**Susan Guerin**, Edgar Evins State Park  
**Benjamin Nance, III**, Archaeology  
**Mark Norton**, Archaeology  
**Billy Pugh**, Air Pollution Control  
**George Reed**, Tims Ford State Park  
**Robert Storms**, Oak Ridge, Oversight Office  
**Earl Young**, Montgomery Bell State Park

#### 25 Years

**Alice Burke**, Recreation and Educational Services  
**Pat Childs**, Fiscal Services  
**Steven McKnight**, Mousetail Landing State Park

#### 30 Years

**Dan Hoover**, Ground Water Protection  
**Bob Wells**, Dunbar Cave State Park

#### 35 Years

**James Cox**, Reelfoot Lake State Park  
**Paul Estill Davis**, Water Pollution Control  
**Allen Mabry**, Standing Stone State Park  
**Herb Roberts**, Tennessee State Parks

### October Service Anniversaries

#### 5 Years

**Larry Christley**, Solid Waste Management  
**Melvin Chval**, Pickwick Landing State Park  
**Jayne Erwin**, Reelfoot Lake State Park  
**Jamie Hambrook**, South Cumberland State Park  
**Montie Humphries**, Pickwick Landing State Park  
**Rachel Lee**, David Crockett State Park  
**Tina Molder**, Meeman-Shelby State Park  
**Costin Shamble**, Environmental Assistance  
**Tammy Sullivan**, Fall Creek Falls State Park  
**Kathleen Walker**, Fall Creek Falls State Park  
**Chad Whitlock**, Mousetail Landing State Park

#### 10 Years

**Robert Alexander**, Water Pollution Control  
**Beverly Heath**, Montgomery Bell State Park  
**James Jerman**, West TN River Basin Authority  
**Jeremy Johnson**, Montgomery Bell State Park  
**Warren Medley**, Air Pollution Control  
**Skip Skotte**, Ground Water Protection, Marion Co.  
**Wanda Smith**, Panther Creek State Park  
**Bill Summers**, Burgess Falls State Park  
**Jack Wade**, Jackson EFO, Water Pollution Control  
**Charles Webb**, Paris Landing State Park  
**Tim Wheatley**, Montgomery Bell State Park

#### 15 Years

**Jeff Buchanan**, Long Hunter State Park  
**Roy Fox, Jr.**, T.O. Fuller State Park  
**Noma Hall, Jr.**, Cookeville EFO, GWP  
**Lew Hoffman**, Memphis EFO, Water Pollution Control  
**Kathleen Kitzmiller**, Energy Oversight  
**Frank Padovick**, T.O. Fuller State Park  
**Jeffrey Young**, Booker T. State Park

#### 20 Years

**Glenn Burke**, Knoxville EFO, Water Pollution Control  
**Albert Cox**, Fiscal Services  
**Rocky Hannah**, Cookeville EFO, UST  
**Mark Mowery**, Norris Dam State Park  
**Ricky Paschall**, Paris Landing State Park  
**Fred Prouty, Jr.**, Tennessee Historical Commission  
**Linda Rich**, Cedars of Lebanon State Park  
**Joanne Stacks**, Pickwick Landing State Park  
**Mashallah Yousefzadeh**, Air Pollution Control

#### 25 Years

**Ronnie Bowers**, Water Pollution Control  
**Billy Crawford**, Warriors' Path State Park  
**Sandy Favinger**, Water Supply  
**Randy Hedgepath**, Radnor Lake State Park  
**Sharon King**, South Cumberland State Park  
**Paul Smith, Jr.**, Tims Ford State Park  
**Brenda Vaughan**, Fiscal Services

#### 30 Years

**Ricky Cagle**, Chattanooga EFO, GWP

#### 35 Years

**George Marston**, Ground Water Protection  
**Fannie Oakes**, Fall Creek Falls State Park

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